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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 99
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: July 3, 1973

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

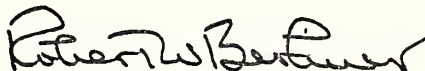
SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

CLINICAL CENTER TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Twentieth Anniversary of the NIH Clinical Center will be observed Friday, June 6, with an all day scientific program at the Center highlighted by an address by HEW Assistant Secretary for Health Edwards. Other speakers will be NIH Director Stone, Clinical Center Director Chalmers and Nobel Laureate Axelrod.

Over 500 scientists and interested laymen are expected to attend. Biomedical research scientists, including current and former NIH staff members will discuss achievements in treating cancer, heart disease, allergy and infectious diseases, gout and similar disorders, and lipid storage diseases. Basic research leading to these clinical advances will be outlined.

The theme of the anniversary conference is "Impact of the Basic Sciences on Clinical Research and Practice: Two Decades of Experience -- Future Promise." (Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)



Robert W. Berliner, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #100
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: July 11, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

ENZYME REPLACEMENT SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT

Investigators at the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke have succeeded in temporarily enhancing deficient enzyme levels in a rare hereditary disorder in two patients by employing enzyme replacement therapy. This marks the first time that direct replacement of a missing enzyme has yielded beneficial results in a genetic disorder. While only about 300 persons in the United States are known to be affected by this disorder, called Fabry's disease, tens of thousands of other persons suffering from similar genetic disorders could theoretically be treatable by the enzyme replacement approach. Dr. Roscoe O. Brady, Chief of the NINDS Developmental and Metabolic Neurology Branch, has cautioned that active treatment of other patients cannot be undertaken at present as not enough of the enzyme is available for replacement therapy. Synthetic production is not now feasible. (Ruth Dudley, 14-65751)

HUMAN RESEARCH STUDY REPORTS EXPECTED


The Inter-Agency Study Group for Review of Policies on Human Subjects is preparing its recommendations on the most sensitive aspect of the problem, the matter of assuring informed consent and other protection when research subjects are children, and expects to forward them to the Assistant Secretary for Health within two or three weeks. This report, prepared by one of four sub-groups, also deals with research involving fetuses. A preliminary draft is now being examined by the Director of NIH. Reports of other sub-groups, dealing with research involving prisoners, the mentally ill and mentally retarded, and with the

problem of compensation of research subjects, also are in final stages of preparation. In the meanwhile, new procedures already have been put into effect to obtain additional pertinent information from grantees at the time their applications are filed. (Dr. Lamont-Havers, 14-66623)

"DEPRESSION" FEATURED ON RADIO AND TV

Dr. Dean Schuyler, acting chief of the Depression Section, Clinical Research Branch, NIMH, will appear on WAMU-FM Radio on July 19 at 8:45 A.M. Two other local authorities on the depressive illnesses also will participate in the non-technical discussion. The panel will answer telephoned questions from the listening audience. (Paul Sirovatka, 443-4536)

Dr. William E. Bunney, Jr., Director of the NIMH Division of Narcotic Addiction and Drug Abuse, will appear on the NBC-TV program "Not for Women Only" to discuss depression and its treatment with Barbara Walters, program moderator. Dr. Ronald R. Fieve of the New York State Psychiatric Institute and the film director Joshua Logan will be other panelists. The program is to be taped on July 12 for later use. (James Helsing, 443-4566)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #101
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: July 18, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS VISIT NIH

The senior NIH staff including Institute Directors conducted a comprehensive briefing and tour for four members of the House Subcommittee on Public Health and their staffs at NIH on Friday, July 13.

Subcommittee Chairman Rogers and members Preyer, Hudnut and Symington together with seventeen committee aides attended the sessions which had been arranged at Mr. Rogers' request. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and ended at 3:00 p.m. following a tour of the Clinical Center. (Mr. Womeldorf, 14-63471)

PUBLICATIONS ON DRUG ABUSE FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS, TEACHERS

Two new drug abuse publications are now available from the National Institute of Mental Health to help community leaders and school personnel understand and effectively deal with drug problems. Effective Coordination of Drug Abuse Programs--- A Guide to Community Action has been published as a workbook for strengthening local effort through cooperation and partnership, with case studies of effective and ineffective community action. Growing Up in America is a discussion of characteristics in urban and suburban schools which may contribute to drug use by some students. (Jim Helsing, 443-4566)

NIMH AWARDS CONTRACT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE GUIDE

The NIMH has awarded a contract to Mental Health Law Project, Inc. to prepare a legislative guide for the development of State mental health and mental retardation laws in order to assist States draft new statutes or amend those currently in effect. Preparation of the guide was recommended by participants at a two-day session on developments in the mental health field held by NIMH's Legislative Services Branch in February 1973.

The contract calls for the preparation of a "Mental Health Legislation Guide," within a twelve month period.

The total cost of the project is \$77,403, of which \$50,000 will be funded by NIMH and the remainder by the contractor, Mental Health Law Project, Inc., a non-profit corporation sponsored by the Center for Law and Social Policy.
(Mrs. Martha S. Kovacic, 443-4536)

CONFERENCE ON PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING

A National Conference on Levels and Patterns of Professional Training in Psychology is being held July 25-30 in Vail, Colorado, by the American Psychological Association with grant support from the National Institute of Mental Health. The 100 invited participants represent all areas of professional psychology, as well as participant-observers from other health and service related professional organizations.
(Mrs. Martha S. Kovacic, 443-4536)

RETREAT ON PROGRAM MECHANISMS

The third in a series of retreats on "Program Mechanisms" involving key NIH personnel was held at Airlie House July 11-13.

Sixty five NIH scientists and administrators representing a wide variety of program segments spent more than two days in discussions and workshops centered on the Report of the Committee on NIH Program Mechanisms ("The Cooper Report").

The Report's recommendations, now under study in the NIH Director's Office, place emphasis on effective matching of the research support instrument (grant or contract) to its program purpose. The Report also stresses the need for better understanding by NIH personnel, the scientific community and the public of the processes of program conception, formulation and execution. (Dr. Leon Jacobs, 14-63111)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #102
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: July 25, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

The ninth annual meeting of the joint committee of the U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program is being held this week (July 24-27) at the National Institutes of Health. In addition to the meeting of delegates, two workshops are being held on "Recent Advances in Epidemiology and Pathogenesis of Viral Diseases" and "Effect of Protein-Calorie Malnutrition on Biological Growth and Development." More than 30 Japanese scientists are participating in the sessions. Dr. Robert S. Stone, Director of NIH, will be presenting remarks on Thursday on behalf of Dr. Charles C. Edwards as a representative of the U.S. Government. An official reception for participants sponsored by the U.S. Department of State will be held on Wednesday evening at the National Academy of Sciences building in Washington. The Government of Japan will host a reception at their Embassy on Friday. (Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

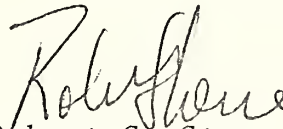
GERIATRIC OUTREACH WORKER PROGRAM

The Geriatric-Outreach Worker Program, funded in part by an NIMH experimental and demonstration grant has caught the attention of the Ohio Administration on Aging. The program was developed at Case Western Reserve University to train paraprofessionals to provide services for non-institutionalized aged. Because of widespread interest in the curriculum and methodology of the training activity, the Ohio Administration on Aging asked the staff of Case Western to conduct an Institute for University and State Manpower Staff members.

The Institute was held July 17-20. Speakers included the Chief of the NIMH Section on Mental Health of the Aging, Dr. Thomas Anderson and Assistant Chief Marie Blank. (Marilyn Sargent, 443-4566)

EMPRESS OF IRAN VISITS CLINICAL CENTER

NIH Director Stone and Clinical Center Director Chalmers welcomed Her Imperial Majesty the Empress of Iran, to the Clinical Center Tuesday afternoon, July 24. Because of Empress Farah's special interest in leukemia, her tour included briefings by NCI clinical investigators and visits to the leukemia outpatient clinic and the laminar air flow patient rooms in the Clinical Center. Accompanying the Empress were her Lady-in-Waiting; the wife of the Acting Chief of Protocol, State Department; and the wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Iran. (Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert S. Stone', written in a cursive style.

Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #103
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: July 31, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NATIONAL HEART PLAN

The five-year national plan for expanded attack against heart, blood vessel, lung, and blood diseases was released to the public this week. The plan, developed by the National Heart and Lung Institute in response to the National Heart, Blood Vessel, Lung, and Blood Act of 1972, was transmitted to the Congress on July 24. (Hugh Jackson, 14-64236)

NHLI'S MULTIPLE RISK FACTOR INTERVENTION TRIAL

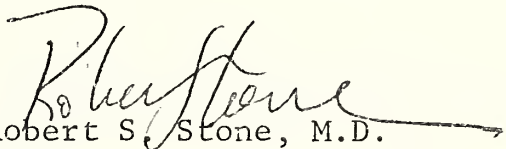
The National Heart and Lung Institute has awarded contracts totalling \$2,460,773 for the establishment of seven new Clinical Centers to take part in the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial. The aim of the Trial is to determine whether and to what extent the incidence of first heart attacks and of death from coronary heart disease can be reduced by measures taken against such high risk factors as elevated blood lipids, high blood pressure, and cigarette smoking. Fifteen clinical centers, plus a coordinating center, are now participating in the program, and up to five additional centers will be funded during this year. (Hugh Jackson, 14-64236)

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE APPOINTMENTS

Two key appointments are being announced this week by the National Cancer Institute. Dr. Guy R. Newell, formerly with Tulane University's School of Medicine and Public Health, has been named Deputy Director and Dr. Richard A. Tjalma, who served as Assistant to the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, joins the staff as an Assistant Director. Both appointments are effective August 1. (Frank Karel, 14-61911)

TV HEALTH DOCUMENTARY TO BE REBROADCAST

"How To Stay Alive," a one-hour documentary produced with the cooperation of the Clinical Research Centers supported by the Division of Research Resources, will be rebroadcast by the ABC-TV network (channel 7) on August 9 at 10:00 p.m. The show, which received widespread praise in 1971, focuses on the personal life styles of five American men. Clinical Research Center doctors point out associated life-shortening factors, especially those connected with cardiovascular disease, and give viewers tips of how to lead longer, healthier lives. (James Augustine, 14-65545)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #104
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: August 8, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

ASCORBIC ACID STUDIED IN COMMON COLD

Dr. Thomas Chalmers, Director of the Clinical Center, reported August 7 at a Stanford University meeting, results of an internal NIH study of ascorbic acid as a prophylactic for the common cold. The double-blind study of 311 NIH employees apparently showed definite but small influence in reducing the duration and severity of colds.

However, the investigators cautioned that the small effects demonstrated might be explained by a break in the double-blind. A significant number of volunteers correctly guessed their medication and may have been influenced by knowing whether they received ascorbic acid or the placebo.
(Dr. Chalmers, 14-64114)

COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL IN MENTAL ILLNESS

The NIMH Center for Studies of Crime and Delinquency has published the final report of a six year study which it funded on competency to stand trial.

"Competency to Stand Trial and Mental Illness" attempts to clarify confusing issues surrounding questions of competency. The researchers, members of the Laboratory of Community Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, report their findings that too many Americans are being inaccurately judged incompetent to stand trial and are unnecessarily committed to mental hospitals.

This publication is intended for use by professionals in the legal and mental health fields. (Marilyn Sargent, 443-4566)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #105
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: August 15, 1973

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

ANN LANDERS TO INFORM HER READERS ON HYPERTENSION

Columnist Ann Landers has notified NHLI Director Cooper that in the interest of expanded awareness of hypertension she will run a letter on the subject in her column August 23. Miss Landers will point out the opportunities which exist for individuals to do something about the problem and refer the readers of her widely read column to the Department's Hypertension Program for further information. She plans to run another such letter in early October. (Hugh Jackson, 14-64236)

SEMINAR ON MARIHUANA AND CHROMOSOMAL DAMAGE

The NIMH has taken steps to foster the exchange of data and materials among scientists investigating possible chromosomal damage in marihuana users. Twenty scientists from various American research institutions met at the invitation of NIMH on Thursday, August 9, in an all day session to review and clarify recent findings and methodologies as well as apparent contradictions in current research on the question of chromosomal damage from the use of marihuana. (Sheila Carroll, 153-34566)

STONE AND SCIENTIFIC BOARD REVIEWING ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAB PROGRAM

NIH Director Stone and the NIAID Board of Scientific Counselors are conducting a periodic review of the Institute's Rocky Mountain Laboratory (RML) in Hamilton, Montana, this week. The visitors will review the overall scientific program, as well as individual research projects. Current efforts of RML scientists are focused on mechanisms of immunity and the prevention of various infections, including tuberculosis and rickettsial diseases. "Slow virus" research also is being conducted at RML. (Bob Schreiber, 14-65717)

NIH CLINICAL CENTER DIRECTOR TO HEAD MT. SINAI MEDICAL CENTER

Mount Sinai Medical Center will announce this week the appointment of Dr. Thomas C. Chalmers, as President of the Center and Dean of Mount Sinai School of Medicine of the City University of New York.

Dr. Chalmers, NIH Associate Director for Patient Care and Director of the Clinical Center since 1970 will assume his new position October 1. (Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)


Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 106
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: August 22, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

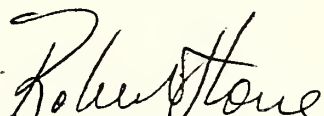
NIGMS GENETIC CENTERS CALLED FOR ASSISTANCE

Last week the Consumer Product Safety Commission was assisted by NIH in responding to anxious queries from expectant mothers regarding a CPSC announcement identifying spray glue as a possible cause of birth defects.

Following the Friday announcement, the Commission was besieged by calls seeking information and advice. NIH gave the Commission a listing of telephone numbers and individuals at the eight widely scattered NIGMS-supported Genetic Centers, as well as identification of other authoritative and accessible sources of information for the concerned pregnant women and their physicians. (Dr. Leon Jacobs, 14-63111)

FIC CONSULTANT GUEST OF CHAIRMAN MAO

Dr. C. P. Li, retired NIH scientist and currently consultant to the FIC, and his wife, Dr. H. C. Tang, spent an hour and a half with Chairman Mao in Peking during their recent trip to the People's Republic of China. Dr. Li has known the Chairman since their boyhood association in 1918. The visit with Chairman Mao, and their reception by Premier Chou En-lai, occurred during a six-week trip to the People's Republic which ended August 13. Other physicians on the FIC sponsored trip were Dr. Frederick Kao of New York, Dr. James Chen of Los Angeles, and Dr. Chou-luh Li of NINDS. (Lois Meng, 14-61927)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #107
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: August 28, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

EMINENT WOMEN TO BE FOGARTY SCHOLARS

Dr. Margaret Mead, world-famed anthropologist long associated with the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and Dame Janet Vaughan, British pathologist who was knighted for her scientific work during World War II, have been appointed Scholars-in-Residence to serve at the Fogarty International Center. Dr. Mead will arrive August 30 and Dame Janet September 3. Both will remain through December.

The two new recipients are the first women to be designated for such appointments. (Lois Meng, 14-61927)

STUDY REPORT ON HEPATITIS B ANTIGEN KIT

The results of studies evaluating a solid-phase radioimmunoassay test kit (Ausria-125, Abbott Radiopharmaceuticals, Inc.) for the detection of hepatitis B antigen in blood are reported in the New England Journal of Medicine (August 23). The work was performed by researchers at Baylor, the University of Washington, and UCLA, who were supported by a contract with the Blood Research Branch, NHLI.

The investigators concluded that the widely used test did not result in marked further reductions in the incidence of type B hepatitis beyond those achieved by the use of volunteer donors and of another test, counterimmunoelectrophoresis, used for detecting hepatitis B antigen. Moreover, the high percentage of false positives resulting from this test might result in loss of significant quantities of clinically safe blood.

These findings are of considerable importance to the Bureau of Biologics, FDA, which is responsible for licensing reagents and kits for the detection of hepatitis B in blood, and for the licensing of blood banks. (Dr. Leon Jacobs, 14-63111)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #108
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: September 5, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

FETAL RESEARCH

Reports that recent research involving the use of live aborted human fetuses was NIH-supported have appeared in the July issue of various local "Right to Life" newsletters. The experiments were carried out by Dr. Peter Adam of Case Western Reserve University, who used non-federal funds to support his travel to Finland and for the support of his fetal research there.

Dr. Adam is an NIH grantee, but his award is for research with animal rather than human fetuses. However, he used his laboratory, which is partially supported by NIH for specimen analyses related to the Finnish experiments.

NIH officials contacted Dr. Adam who has agreed to desist from further research which is contrary to NIH policy.
(Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

LEVENTHAL, WOODSIDE TO FILL INTERIM POSITIONS

NIH Director Stone has named Dr. Gilbert Woodside to be Acting Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development pending the appointment of a successor to Dr. Gerald LaVeck. Dr. Woodside has directed NICHD Extramural programs since 1964.

Dr. Stone also designated Dr. Carl Leventhal as Acting NIH Deputy Director for Science. Dr. Leventhal was Assistant to the former Deputy Director for Science, Dr. Robert Berliner.
(Storm Whaley, 14-64461)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report #109
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: September 12, 1973

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH SENIOR STAFF SEMINAR ON MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES

Next week senior members of the NIH staff, including Institute and Division Directors will participate in a staff seminar on management by objectives and on strategic planning. The program, directed by Dr. John F. Rockart, Associate Professor, Sloan School of Management, M.I.T., will begin with an evening session Monday, September 17, and conclude the following evening. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

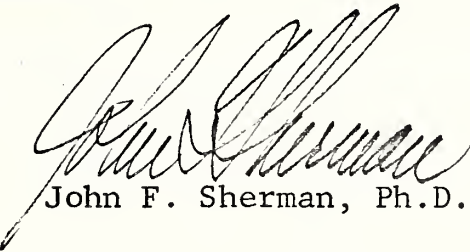
MEDICAL WRITERS TO GATHER IN BETHESDA

Dr. Robert S. Stone and several other NIH administrators will speak at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the American Medical Writers Association in Bethesda, Wednesday through Saturday (Sept. 12-15). Others on the program will include Dr. John R. Hogness, President of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, William Fullerton of the staff of the House Ways and Means Committee, who will read an address prepared by Rep. Wilbur Mills, and representatives of other DHEW components. Some 250 AMWA members, including senior editors of many important medical journals, will attend. A tour of NIH is among the activities planned. (Harold Osborne, 14-65633)

NIMH SCIENTIST TO APPEAR ON NBC

An NIMH scientist will appear September 27 and 28 on "COPING WITH DEPRESSION," Barbara Walters' NBC-TV panel show aired

each weekly morning at nine following the TODAY network broadcast. Dr. William E. Bunney, Chief, Adult Psychiatry Branch, Intramural Research Program, will participate in the discussion two days of the week-long special panel. Other participants include Josh Logan, the theatrical producer and director whose earlier bouts with manic-depressive illness have been successfully controlled with lithium treatment. (Ron McMillen, 443-3600)



John F. Sherman, Ph.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 1
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

110

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: September 19, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

CANCER CONTROL PLANNING CONFERENCE

The National Cancer Institute will hold a Cancer Control Planning Conference at Columbia, Maryland, September 23-27. More than 100 health educators, scientists, and clinicians are expected to participate. Purpose of the conference is to plan ways of getting the latest laboratory and clinical research findings to cancer patients and community physicians as rapidly as possible. (Frank Karel, 14-61911)

FOGARTY CENTER PLANS MAJOR CONFERENCE ON OBESITY

Seventy authorities from seven countries will participate in a three-day scientific conference on all aspects of obesity under auspices of the Fogarty International Center October 1-3 at NIH. Forty-nine formal papers will be presented at sessions on Control of Food Intake, Energy Expenditure, Obesity as a Public Health Problem, Consequences of Obesity, Obesity and Diabetes, and Approaches to Control and Prevention. (Lois Meng, 14-61927)

CONFERENCE ON LOW-LEVEL LEAD TOXICITY

More than 100 people are expected to participate in a conference on low-level lead toxicity, to be held at the Royal Villa Hotel in the Research Triangle area of North Carolina on October 1 and 2. Jointly sponsored by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Environmental Protection

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Agency, the conference will feature 31 presentations on various aspects of the problem by scientists from academia, government, and industry. Staff members of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee are also expected to attend. (Dr. Rall, 8-919-549-3201)


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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: September 26, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NHLI MEETING ON RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION CENTERS

The National Heart and Lung Institute will hold a meeting at NIH, October 2, to explain to potential applicants its newly announced National Research and Demonstration Centers and to answer questions regarding the program. The Centers were authorized in the 1972 heart legislation. In the program announcement and guidelines, which were issued August 20, the NHLI stated its intention to establish a limited number of the Centers.


Applications for the Centers will be reviewed on a nationally competitive basis in the Spring of 1974. (Dr. Ringler, 14-61078)

NCI DIVISION BOARD OF SCIENTIFIC COUNSELORS MEET

The Board of Scientific Counselors of the Division of Cancer Biology and Diagnosis of the NCI met at NIH, Monday, September 24. The Board, whose membership includes seven leading nonfederal scientists met for a planned two-day discussion of the Division's contract activities. Subjects for review included research in immunobiology, immunodiagnosis, and immunotherapy of cancer. The Board also discussed procedures for scientific evaluation of contract proposals. (Dr. Jacobs, 14-63111)

PUBLIC INTEREST IN HYPERTENSION

The National Heart and Lung Institute has responded to more than 120,000 requests for literature and information on hypertension in the one month period since Ann Landers devoted a column to this subject. Miss Landers discussed the problem of hypertension on August 23 and urged her readers to write to NHLI for further information. She is planning another column on this subject on October 6. (Hugh Lee, 14-64236)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 112
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: October 3, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIAID GRANTEES TO RECEIVE MAJOR AWARDS

Three grantees of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases have been named to receive important awards for their research activities.

The Borden Award, given annually by the Association of American Medical Colleges, will be presented Nov. 6 to Dr. Thomas C. Merigan, Jr., Stanford University. The award honors medical school faculty members for outstanding research in medicine. Dr. Merigan was selected for his studies concerning the antiviral protein, interferon.

A husband-wife team, Drs. Kimishige and Teruko Ishizaka, of Johns Hopkins University will receive the Gairdner Foundation International Award on Oct. 26. The Gairdner Award, one of the highest awards to be conferred in Canada, is in recognition of the Ishizaka's work with Immunoglobulin E, a class of blood proteins important in allergic reactions.
(Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

INFORMATION ON NIH CONTRACT RESEARCH SENT TO SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY

A special issue of the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts is being mailed this week to 25,000 investigators and research administrators. The issue contains revised descriptions, Institute by Institute, of NIH programs which use contracts in the support of research, research services or developmental activities. Information is provided on the areas of NIH interest in which contract supported research may be anticipated.

The publication carries out a suggestion arising from the NIH Program Mechanisms Committee Report and represents an effort to establish a stronger communication link with bench scientists as well as administrators regarding NIH Contract Research. The second stage of the activity will be the setting up of special mailing lists by interest categories as indicated by recipients of the current issue.
(Dr. Leon Jacobs, 14-63561)

JACOBS TO ADDRESS RESEARCH CONTRACT MEETING

Dr. Leon Jacobs, NIH Associate Director for Collaborative Research, will address the Association of Independent Research Institutes at Bar Harbor, Maine, October 4. Dr. Jacobs will discuss NIH Research Contracts. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

DR. STONE ATTENDS MEETING OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH HEADS

NIH Director Stone attended a meeting in Dublin, Ireland Sunday and Monday (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1) of the officers of European Medical Research Councils. The group is an informal association of Research Council heads organized to foster collaboration in medical research through communication and coordination among its member organizations. Dr. Stone attended by invitation as an observer. (Irving Goldberg, 14-65788)

DR. BLACK NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR CLINICAL CENTER

Dr. Roger L. Black, Deputy Director, NIH Clinical Center has been named Acting Director of the Clinical Center pending the appointment of a successor for Dr. Thomas Chalmers. Former Director Chalmers assumed the Presidency of Mt. Sinai Medical Center October 1. (Irving Goldberg, 14-65788)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 113
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: October 10, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

DRAFT REPORT ON RESEARCH SUBJECT PROTECTION PUBLISHED

An article in the Sunday (Oct. 7) New York Times described NIH policy "proposals" regarding protection of human subjects of research whose ability to give informed consent may be in question (prisoners, mental patients, children).

The newspaper account was based on a draft now under study by the NIH Director and his advisors, and made clear that the report is not official policy. The report was obtained from an outside consultant, one of several who had been part of a group instrumental in developing the proposed policy. Final NIH recommendation on the new research policy will be made to the Assistant Secretary for Health subsequent to thorough review and possible revision of the draft.

(Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIEHS AND EPA TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE ON ASBESTOS

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the Environmental Protection Agency will jointly sponsor a conference on the Biological Effects of Ingested Asbestos, November 18-20 in Durham, North Carolina.

Announced conference topics are Ingestion of Particles, Identification and Quantification of Microparticles, Biological Effects, Epidemiological Considerations and Research Directions. (Elizabeth James, FTS 919-549-3345)

NIH DIRECTOR TO JAPAN

NIH Director Stone will participate in ceremonies marking the completion of construction of the Kawasaki Medical College in Okayama, Japan, October 20. While in Japan, Dr. Stone will hold discussions with the principal health officials there, including key members of the U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science Program. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIGMS DIRECTOR TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS

Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences will lead a colloquium at the National Bureau of Standards Friday, October 12. The subject "Biomedical Phenomena and Possible Areas of Hard Science Research." (Paul Deming, 14-65676)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: October 17, 1973

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

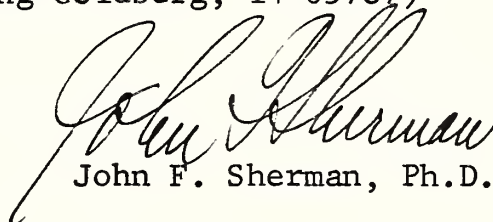
SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

SAFEGUARDING SENSITIVE DATA

As part of its general review of the protection of human subjects involved in biomedical research, NIH is about to undertake a study of the safeguarding of sensitive statistical data. A study group will be established, with Dr. Carl Douglass, Deputy Director of the Division of Research Grants, as Chairman, to look into this question. The group will examine the adequacy and comprehension of the procedures used by NIH in safeguarding sensitive data and the rights of individual privacy. (Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)

RESEARCH INSTRUMENTATION SYMPOSIUM

NIH will again host the annual Symposium on Recent Developments in Research Methods and Instrumentation on October 24-25 at the Clinical Center. Now in its twentieth year, the symposium is designed to acquaint Washington area scientists with the most modern research tools and give them an opportunity to discuss equipment problems with industry representatives. It is jointly sponsored by NIH and the local sections of seven national scientific societies. (Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)


John F. Sherman, Ph.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 115
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: October 24, 1973

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

HYPERTENSION INFORMATION & EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS

The Hypertension Information & Education Advisory Committee met Tuesday, October 23 at NIH to review program progress.

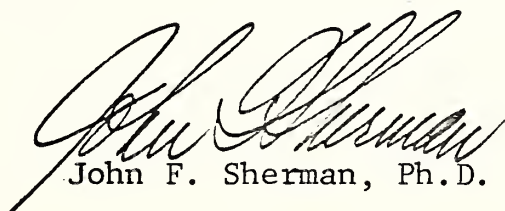
Plans were discussed for cooperative activities including a media premiere, scheduled for the first week in November at which currently available educational materials will be presented to New York network and publishing executives. Announcement was made of a series of regional meetings on hypertension to be held early next year in Kansas City, Dallas, ~~Seattle~~, and Boston. The committee viewed audiovisual materials produced by various nonfederal groups for professional and public education on high blood pressure. A lay organization, "Citizens for the Treatment of High Blood Pressure, Inc." reported to the committee the establishment of a Media Solicitation Task Force to actively promote the use of high blood pressure educational materials nationwide.

The committee also received reports from representatives of the VA, the FDA, the HRA and the Department of Defense who serve on the Inter-Agency Working Group. (Hugh Lee, 14-62311)

NINDS ACTING DIRECTOR KEYNOTES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Donald B. Tower, Acting Director of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke was the Keynote Speaker October 15 at an International Conference jointly sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America and the Italian National Research Council.

The five-day session was held in Phoenix, Arizona and was devoted to presentations and discussions on Control Mechanisms in Development and Function of Muscle and their Relationship to Muscular Dystrophy and related Neuromuscular Diseases. More than fifty scientists from Australia, Canada, Denmark, England, Israel, Italy, Japan, the USSR and the USA participated. (Ruth Dudley, 14-65751)



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 116
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: October 31, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

AAMC MEETING

Several senior staff members of NIH will participate in the 84th annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, Nov. 4-8. NIH Director, Dr. Robert Stone will speak at the first morning session on Nov. 4 on the "Programs and Plans of the National Institutes of Health." The AAMC meetings usually attract extensive press coverage. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

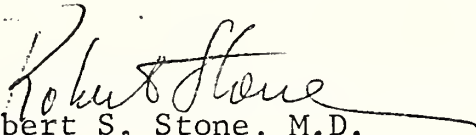
COOPER TO RECEIVE AWARD

Dr. Theodore Cooper, Director of the National Heart and Lung Institute has been selected to receive the American Heart Association's highest award for volunteer leadership -- the Golden Heart Award. The presentation will be made November 11 at the Association's annual dinner in Atlantic City. (Hugh Jackson, 14-64236)

NIH SCIENTIST SHARES GAIRDNER FOUNDATION AWARD

Dr. Roscoe Brady, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, NIH, has been named to receive one of the six Gairdner Foundation Awards for contributions to the conquest of disease and relief of human suffering. His \$10,000 award was "for work on the enzymology of complex lipids and his contribution to the management of lipid storage diseases." The award recognizes work by Dr. Brady and his coworkers in identifying the specific inherited enzyme deficiency responsible for Gaucher's Disease, which proved the key to

identifying similar deficits implicated in nine other disorders. The awards were given in Toronto, Ontario. (Ruth Dudley, 14-65751)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 117
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: November 7, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

PUBLIC COMMENT TO BE SOUGHT ON DRAFT POLICY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, AND OTHERS, AS RESEARCH SUBJECTS

Concurrent with intensive staff review, NIH will seek public comments on proposed special protections for children, prisoners, and the mentally infirm who are involved as subjects in biomedical research. The draft policy proposal will be published informally in the "Notices" section of the Federal Register, November 16. Effort will be made to elicit widespread public comment at this stage in development of the protection policies. The heads of the Department's other health agencies have received copies of the drafts and their comments have been requested. Following thorough consideration in the Office of the NIH Director, the draft policies and proposed regulations will be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Health for further review and subsequently to the Secretary for approval and formal rule-making procedures.

The proposed policies were developed by the Inter-Agency Working Group and focus on the issues surrounding consent by or on behalf of research subjects who are unable to give voluntary informed consent or whose ability to do so is in question. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

DELEGATION OF SCIENTISTS FROM PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA VISITS NIH

A delegation of scientists from the Peoples Republic of China spent three days at the NIH this week (Nov. 5-7) in scientific briefings and discussions. One component of the nine-member group was given a series of presentations on the physiology of pain, the other a series on biomedical engineering.

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The visit was sponsored by the Committee on Scholarly Communication with the Peoples Republic of China of the National Academy of Sciences. (Lois Meng, 14-61927)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 118
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: November 14, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

BRIEFING FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AT NIH

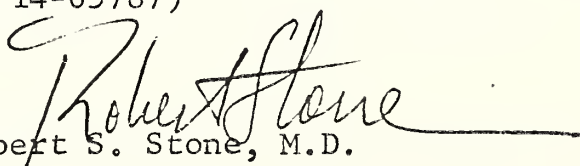
More than forty senior Department officials and staff members attended a comprehensive briefing on NIH Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 12-13.

The orientation covered the organizational and operational aspects of NIH, its strategy for leadership in biomedical science, its planning and evaluation activities and its methods of management of award programs.

Assistant Secretaries Young and Morrill, members of their staffs, and the principal staff members in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, and officials of the Department's Health Agencies participated in the sessions which were held at NIH. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

TELEVISION HEALTH SERIES

The first program in what is billed as the largest national television health project ever attempted in the U.S. will be aired by the public broadcasting network on Monday, Nov. 19 at 8:00 p.m. With the overall title of "The Killers," the project will consist of a series of five one-and-a-half hour documentaries on the leading health problems in this country. Dr. Theodore Cooper, Director of the National Heart and Lung Institute, was a consultant for the Nov. 19 program, "Heart Disease: The 20th Century Epidemic." Other NIH officials have also served as consultants for the series. (Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Assistant Secretary for Health

November 21, 1973

Director, NIH

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NICHD-CDC BIRTH DEFECTS EARLY WARNING PROJECT

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development will provide principal support for a massive project whose aim is to detect and investigate unusual patterns in the occurrence of birth defects which may suggest environmental cause for such defects.

Computer monitoring of about one million births per year will begin shortly under an NICHD agreement with the Center for Disease Control which will direct the project. The program will also involve two private non-profit organizations, The Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities and the National Foundation--March of Dimes. A fund transfer of \$282,650 has been made for support of the project's initial year.

Early warning of unusual frequencies of congenital abnormalities could avert tragedies similar to the several thousand thalidomide deformed babies born in Western Europe in the 1960's. (Anne Tisiker, 496-5133)

U.S.--U.S.S.R. JOINT CANCER RESEARCH

U.S. and Soviet scientists agreed November 14 to expand collaborative efforts in cancer research to include cancer epidemiology and cancer control. Cooperative programs already are underway in cancer chemotherapy, virology, genetics and immunotherapy.

After three days of meetings at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, the agreement was signed by Dr. Frank J. Rauscher, Jr., Director of the National Cancer Program

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and the National Cancer Institute, and Dr. N. N. Trapeznikov, Deputy Director for Scientific Work in the Institute of Experimental and Clinical Oncology in Moscow.

U.S. and Soviet scientists also agreed during their first annual review meeting for the joint program to hold five major cancer conferences during 1974 and 1975. (Frank Koral, 496-1911)

/s/ Robert S. Stone, M.D.]

Robert S. Stone, M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 120
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: November 27, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

MEETING WITH NIH EMPLOYEE GROUP

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, NIH Director Stone and members of his staff met with a group of NIH employees regarding service contracts at NIH. The employees expressed their concern about the possibility of contracting of NIH laundry, house-keeping, and other services. Dr. Stone pointed out that the matter was still under study, that several factors in addition to dollar-costs had to be considered, and that the input and advice of EEO and other interested parties would be sought before any decisions are made. About 250 NIH employees, mostly from the Clinical Center laundry and housekeeping operations, attended the meeting. (Mr. Howard Kettl, 14-62511)

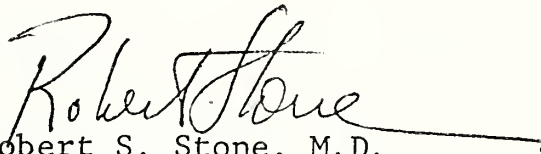
ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Martin Cummings, Director of the National Library of Medicine, will receive a Rockefeller Public Service Award for 1973. Presentation of the prestigious award will be made to Dr. Cummings and four other government officials at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, Dec. 5. (Robert Mehnert, 14-66308)

SCIENCE WRITER BRIEFING ON INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases will hold a briefing for science writers on Thursday, Nov. 29 on a research finding regarding the causative agent of infectious hepatitis. The finding could lead to a better way of diagnosing

the disease and to development of a means for preventing it. Conducting the briefing will be Dr. Dorland Davis, NIAID Director, Dr. John Seal, NIAID scientific director, and the three NIAID scientists who conducted the research.
(Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)


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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: December 4, 1973

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

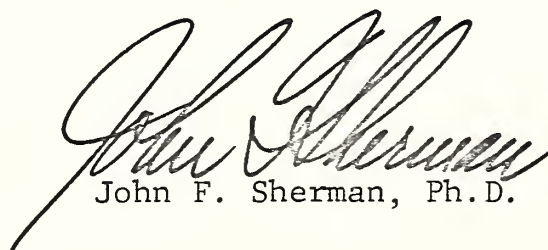
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DIRECTOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH, met on Dec. 3-4 with Dr. Stone and senior staff officials of NIH. The committee reviewed the draft manual issuances which are intended to implement the recommendations of the Cooper Committee report on mechanisms of support. In discussing the support of biomedical research, the committee focused particular attention on program project and center grants. This led to a discussion of the optimal use of the peer review system. The committee also heard reports on: a representative intramural research effort (diabetes research at the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases); and on the protection of human subjects in biomedical research. (Dr. Charles McCarthy, 14-63471)

NIH DIRECTOR TO MEET WITH PHARMACY DEANS

NIH Director Robert Stone will meet with the Executive Committee of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in New Orleans, Louisiana on December 5. He will discuss biomedical research in schools of pharmacy and the relationship of such research to the programs of NIH. (Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)



John F. Sherman, Ph.D.



MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 1221
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: December 12, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

U.S.COURT OF CLAIMS DECISION ON COPYRIGHT CLAIM

The U.S.Court of Claims ruled on November 27 that the National Library of Medicine and the NIH Library did not infringe copyrights by making single photocopies of articles from medical journals and sending them to library users. '

A 1968 lawsuit by Williams and Wilkins Company was dismissed by the Claims Court (4-3) on the ground that the publisher had failed to prove that it had been, or would be financially hurt by the photocopying. The majority opinion, while pointing out that Congress is the proper body to balance the interests of science against those of the publishers concluded that the court should not impose a risk of harm upon science and medicine while awaiting Congressional action.

Williams and Wilkins has not yet decided whether to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court. (Robert B. Mehnert, 14-66308)

CDC AND NIH JOIN IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AGAINST SMOKING

Two of the Public Health Service's six agencies--the National Institutes of Health and the Center for Disease Control--have pooled resources in the effort against cancer of the lung and related diseases.

NIH's National Cancer Institute, through its Cancer Control Program, will transfer \$1,665,000 to the CDC's National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health to support educational programs designed to reduce the number of Americans who smoke; decrease the number of young Americans who acquire the habit; and to minimize hazards to those who continue to smoke.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 1
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH 123

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: December 18, 1973

FROM : Director, NIH

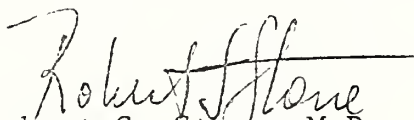
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NEW BOOK MENTIONS CLINICAL CENTER

Last Sunday's Washington Post POTOMAC MAGAZINE carried an excerpt from Stewart Alsop's new book STAY OF EXECUTION. In the book Mr. Alsop makes extended and favorable reference to his experience as a patient in the NIH Clinical Center. The book, published by J. B. Lippencott Company will be condensed in a forthcoming issue of READERS DIGEST. (Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)

DR. COOPER TO APPEAR BEFORE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Dr. Theodore Cooper, Director of the National Heart and Lung Institute will appear by invitation before a committee of the California State Legislature to discuss hypertension. The hearing, before the Senate Subcommittee on Medical Education and Health Needs will be held Wednesday, December 19. (Hugh Jackson, 14-64236)


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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE REPORT No. 124
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: January 2, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: NIH WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

NIH CLINICAL CENTER DIRECTOR NAMED

Dr. Robert S. Gordon, Jr. has been named Director of the NIH Clinical Center and Associate Director for Clinical Care of the National Institutes of Health. The appointment will be effective January 7. Dr. Gordon has been with NIH since 1951 serving first with the National Heart and Lung Institute and since 1964 as Clinical Director of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases. As Associate Director for Clinical Care he will be policy advisor for all clinical research conducted and supported by NIH. Dr. Gordon succeeds Dr. Thomas Chalmers who assumed the Presidency of Mt. Sinai Medical Center October 1. (Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)

CONGRESSMAN GUDE TO VISIT NIH

Maryland Congressman Gilbert Gude will be briefed on NIH research activities related to infectious hepatitis and water borne viruses. The tour and briefing, scheduled for Friday January 4, is being arranged at Mr. Gude's request. (Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: January 9, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH REDUCES FUEL OIL AND ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION

Since NIH embarked on its full scale Energy Conservation Program in early September fuel oil consumption was reduced 14.3 percent and electricity 6.8 percent. These figures are for September, October and November of this year compared to the same period last year. The savings amounted to approximately 342,000 gallons of fuel oil and 3.1 million kilowatt-hours of electricity. The disproportionate savings in fuel oil over electrical consumption resulted from unseasonably higher temperatures during October. Electricity is the primary source of energy for space cooling. (Howard Kettl, 14-62511)

CANCER MEETING IN MOSCOW

A delegation of six persons headed by Dr. Marvin Schneiderman, National Cancer Institute will depart for Moscow Friday afternoon, January 11, to attend the US-USSR Joint Conference on Epidemiology of Cancer. The group will return January 20. Other members of the delegation are: Dr. Joseph Saunders, NCI; Dr. Guy Newell, NCI; Dr. Cuyler Hammond, American Cancer Society; Dr. Charles Key, New Mexico Tumor Registry; Dr. Maureen Henderson, University of Maryland Medical School. (Frank Karel, 14-61911)

PULMONARY DISEASE SUBJECT OF TV PROGRAM

The third program of the public broadcasting network (Channel 26 in Washington) THE KILLERS series "dealing with five major lethal diseases in America" will be presented at 8:00 Monday evening January 14. The 90-minute program is entitled

PULMONARY DISEASE: THE HIDDEN ENEMY. Dr. Claude L'Enfant, Director, Lung Program, National Heart and Lung Institute served as one of five consultants. (Hugh Jackson, 14-64236)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: January 16, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

DR. SHERMAN NAMED AAMC VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. John F. Sherman, Deputy Director of NIH since November 1968, has been appointed Vice President of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Dr. Sherman, who joined NIH in January 1953, will assume his new duties at AAMC about March 15.

In addition to being Vice President, he will also serve as director of the association's Department of Planning and Policy Development. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

LIMITED RESPONSE TO PUBLISHED DRAFT ON SPECIAL RESEARCH PROTECTIONS

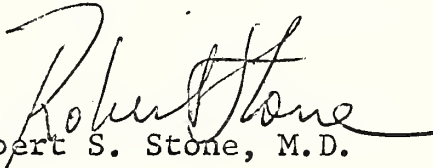
About 350 responses have been received by NIH regarding draft policy proposals for special protections for children, prisoners and the mentally infirm who may be involved in biomedical research. The draft was published in the Federal Register November 16. In addition copies were mailed to some 10,000 addressees including NIH grantees, contractors, correctional institutions, voluntary health and service agencies, members of Congress and the general public.

Nearly all responses came from grantee or contractor institutions.

The comments are being collated and will be submitted this week for review by the Inter-Agency Working Group which originated the report. (Dr. Chalkley, 14-67005)

RECENT ADVANCES IN CANCER TREATMENT TO BE PRESENTED IN DENVER

The National Cancer Institute will conduct a three-day seminar (Feb. 7-9) in Denver on the latest advances in combination (surgery, radiation and drugs) treatment for cancer. The meeting is designed for health professionals involved in cancer treatment and will be jointly sponsored by the Institute's Division of Cancer Research Resources and Centers, and the Cancer Clinical Investigation Review Committee. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ralph C. Johnston, Chief of NCI's Radiation Branch and Dr. Audrey E. Evans, Director of Oncology, Children's Hospital, Philadelphia. (Dr. William Hammond, 14-67058)


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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: January 24, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

INFLUENZA RESEARCH VISIT SCHEDULED TO USSR

A delegation of scientists from HEW is scheduled to spend 16 days (February 15 - March 3) in the Soviet Union to exchange information on influenza research. The visit is to be sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Office of International Health under the US-USSR Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Medical Science and Public Health, and is the outgrowth of an agreement made last summer in Moscow between Soviet Minister of Health Boris V. Petrovsky and Secretary Weinberger. The U.S. delegation will also include representatives from the Bureau of Biologics and the Communicable Disease Center as well as several non-Federal scientists.
(Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

CONFERENCE ON HEALTH CONSEQUENCES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS SCHEDULED

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will co-sponsor with the Environmental Protection Agency a Conference on Health Consequences of Environmental Controls, April 16-19 at Durham, North Carolina.

Topics for discussion will cover non-regulated emissions from mobil sources with presentations by government and industry to include a legislative overview.

Dr. William Kellogg, National Center for Atmospheric Research, will speak on biometeriological controls and Dr. Arie Haagen-Smit, California Institute of Technology, will cover mobile sources. The EPA has invited Senators Muskie and Tunney to cover the legislative overview. (Dr. David P. Rall, 8-919-549-3201)

SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT NIH ON NEW ANTITUMOR ANTIBIOTIC BLEOMYCIN

The Fourth New Drug Seminar of the Division of Cancer Treatment, National Cancer Institute will be held on February 15, 1974 in the Jack Masur Auditorium in the Clinical Center (Building 10) on the NIH reservation. The subject of the seminar will be Bleomycin (Blenoxane), a new antitumor antibiotic developed originally in Japan and recently approved for usage in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration. Bleomycin is approved for treatment of malignant lymphomas, squamous cell tumors of the head and neck region, and testicular neoplasms. (Dr. C. Gordon Zubrod, 14-64291)

INTER-COUNCIL SEMINAR

The NIH will host an Inter-Council Seminar January 28-29 which will bring together senior NIH officials, members of the Director's Advisory Committee and representatives of each of the NIH National Advisory Councils. The seminar, which has been recommended by the National Heart and Lung Council, is intended to stimulate communication among members of the various Councils as well as with the NIH Director's Staff. Agenda items include status of implementation of Reports on Mechanisms for Research Support and on Protection of Human Subjects, and a discussion of the Freedom of Information Act in the light of recent court decisions. (Dr. Charles McCarthy, 14-63471)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 128
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: January 30, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TEAM IN JOINT HEART STUDY WITH NASA INVOLVING ASTRONAUTS

A team of NIH Scientists will conduct post-flight studies of the cardiovascular function of the Skylab III astronauts immediately after their splashdown which is scheduled for February 8.

The studies to be carried out in collaboration with the biomedical staff of NASA will be conducted on board the recovery aircraft carrier as a follow up of preflight studies using echocardiography to evaluate the effects of prolonged weightlessness.

NIH study team members are Dr. Robert Goldstein, Dr. Walter Henry, both NHLI, and Mr. James Griffith, Division of Computer Research and Technology.

The procedure measures noninvasively the depth of heart wall, movement patterns of heart, and amount of blood being pumped for comparison with "normal" measurements.
(Dr. Stephen Epstein, 14-65817)

THREE INSTITUTIONS ADDED TO NETWORK OF ASTHMA, ALLERGIC DISEASE CENTERS

Three more institutions have been added to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' network of Asthma and Allergic Disease Centers, bringing the total to 17. The centers are: Creighton University, Omaha, Nebr.; Duke University, N.C., and University of Colorado, Denver.
(Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

HYPERTENSION SUBJECT OF POPULAR TV SHOW

The "Sanford and Son" TV show scheduled for 8:00 P.M., Friday February 1 (NBC WRC-TV Channel 4) will deal with the subject of high blood pressure and in particular, the number of blacks who are afflicted with it. It is expected that the program will help to inform the general public about the hypertension problem in the United States. (Hugh Lee, 14-62311)

TWO FOGARTY SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE HAVE ARRIVED

Dr. Hans Popper, Distinguished Professor at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Dr. Torsten Teorell, Professor emeritus of the Institute of Physiology and Medical Biophysics, University of Uppsala School of Medicine in Sweden have arrived at NIH as Fogarty Scholars-in-Residence. Dr. Popper who is especially noted for his research in the field of liver diseases will be in residence through June 30. Dr. Teorell, will be in residence through April. (Dr. Milo Leavitt, Jr., 14-61415)


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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 129
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: February 6, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

THIRD ANNUAL NIH BLACK HISTORY WEEK SCHEDULED

NIH will observe Black History Week Feb. 11-15 with a series of noonday programs in Masur Auditorium.

Speakers scheduled are: Mr. J. Rupert Picott, Executive Director, Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (Monday); Mr. Stanley B. Thomas, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Human Development, HEW (Tuesday); Dr. Montague W. Cobb, Professor Emeritus College of Medicine, Howard University (Wednesday); Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Executive Director, National Urban League (Friday).

Thursday has been designated as Sports Day with speakers scheduled from the Washington Redskins, Bullets, and the University of Maryland.

The week is designed to recognize the cultural contributions of minority groups and to promote better understanding and appreciation. (Mr. George Yee, 14-62906)

CONGRESSIONAL STAFF ASSISTANTS BRIEFED

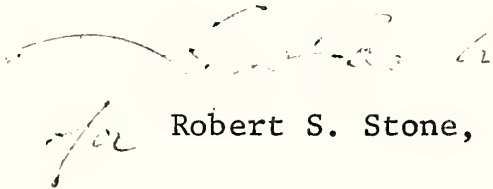
At the request of the House Subcommittee on Public Health and Environment two committee staff members and five assistants assigned to the offices of Representatives Rogers, Pryor and Carter attended an all day orientation at NIH on Monday, February 4.

The orientation, conducted by NIH senior staff members, included a tour of the Clinical Center and ended with a question and answer session with the Director NIH.
(Mr. Ray Womeldorf, 14-63471)

MEDICAL STUDENTS BEGIN CLINICAL ELECTIVES
PROGRAM AT NIH CLINICAL CENTER

The Clinical Electives Program for Medical Students, an activity of the NIH Clinical Center recently began its fourth year with a class of twenty.

The students are accepted for the program which is offered three times annually for periods of ninety days. The program, viewed as an upper level electives course by medical schools now covers the use of computers in clinical medicine, endocrinology and metabolism, immunology and oncology-hematology. (Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)


for Robert S. Stone, M.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 130
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: February 13, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

SENATOR BEALL TO BE NIH CHILD CARE WEEK SPEAKER

Senator J. Glenn Beall has accepted an invitation from the Parents Advisory Committee of the NIH Child Development Center to speak at the Center at 12:00 noon, Friday, March 1. The Senator's talk will conclude Child Care Week (February 25 - March 1), a fund raising period to help provide day care service scholarships.

The Center, is an employee effort which in cooperation with NIH is providing a day care facility for employee's children from all economic levels. The program is funded through fees, which are based on a sliding scale, with scholarship funds provided for middle and low income families. The Center opened in June 1973, and services are now provided for sixty children under 5 years of age. (Miss Jimmy Burke, 14-61811)

FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TO VISIT NIH

Newsmen from twelve countries will visit NIH for a five-hour briefing Wednesday, February 27. Senior NIH staff members will meet with the writers who are spending nine months in a program of intensive American studies. The visit is sponsored by the World Press Institute, a fellowship program operated by Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.
(Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

DR. FREDRICKSON TO HEAD NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE

Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson, Director of Intramural Research, National Heart and Lung Institute, will become President of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences by

midsummer. He will replace Dr. John Hogness who was the Institute's first director. The Institute was founded December, 1970. (Hugh Jackson, 14-64236)

NIH STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN AAAS ANNUAL MEETING

NIH Director Stone and key staff members will present a discussion of program mechanisms used by the NIH in the support and conduct of biomedical research at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Francisco, March 1. The symposium will center on policies and procedures relating to grant and contract research. (Irving Goldberg, 14-65787)


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MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 131
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: February 20, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

STETTEN NAMED NIH DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SCIENCE

Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., has been named NIH Deputy Director for Science, effective February 12. For the past four years Dr. Stetten has been the Director, National Institute of General Medical Sciences. His service with NIH started in 1954 as Director of Intramural Research in the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases. For eight years, starting in 1962, Dr. Stetten was Dean of the Medical School and Director of the Medical Center at Rutgers University.

Dr. Leo H. von Euler who has been serving as the NIGMS Deputy Director has been named Acting Director of the Institute. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIH WOMAN PHYSICIAN TO RECEIVE FEDERAL WOMAN'S AWARD

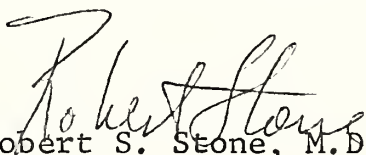
Dr. Brigid G. Leventhal has been selected as one of ten women in the Federal government to receive the Federal Woman's Award. The Award, which is presented annually to provide special recognition to women who have made outstanding contributions to the efficiency and quality of career service of the Federal government, will be presented during the FWA dinner, March 5, at the Shoreham Hotel.

Dr. Leventhal is Head, Chemoimmunotherapy Section, Pediatric Oncology Branch, National Cancer Institute. A graduate of the University of California in 1955, she received her M.D. degree from Harvard in 1960. Joining NIH as a Post-doctoral Fellow ten years ago, she is recognized today as a world expert in acute leukemia. (Mrs. Catherine M. Dougherty, 14-64973)

DR. STEINSCHNEIDER GUEST LECTURER
ON SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

Dr. Alfred Steinschneider spoke on "New Research Perspectives in the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome: 1974" Tuesday, February 19 in Wilson Hall, Building 1, National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Steinschneider, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, State University of New York, Upstate Medical Center is the first lecturer in a series sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.
(Patricia Newman, 14-65133)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 132
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: February 27, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE WORKSHOP HELD IN DALLAS, TEXAS

On February 21 the National High Blood Pressure Education Program held a Regional Workshop in Dallas, Texas. The workshop is the first of four sessions which will be held this spring in the HEW regional cities to acquaint health professionals and community leaders with the NHBPEP and to stimulate increased activity in this field. Four similar workshops were held last year. More than 125 people attended the Dallas meeting. (Mr. Hugh Lee, 14-62311)

SOVIET CANCER SPECIALISTS VISITING NIH

Under the provisions of the 23 May 1972 Joint US-USSR Agreement for Cooperation in Medical Science and Public Health, the following Soviet cancer specialists have arrived for official visits to the National Cancer Institute and to other cancer centers in the United States: Dr. Victor A. Babichev, Dr. Boris Utyeshev, Dr. Vera V. Gorodilova, Dr. Konstantin V. Ilyin, Dr. Vadim N. Gerasimenko, Dr. Lumila N. Buachidze. The first three scientists will visit for one month and the latter three for a two-month period. (Dr. Joseph Saunders, 14-61932)

NIH UPWARD MOBILITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING QUARTER REGISTRATION

Spring quarter registration for Upward Mobility College at NIH is set for period February 27 through March 1. The HEW-wide program leading to associate or bachelor degrees for GS-7 or below nonprofessional fulltime permanent

employees was started at NIH with the fall quarter 1971.
At present 285 employees are enrolled with faculty supplied
by the Federal City College. (Mr. Eric Zatman, 14-62146)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 133
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health

DATE: March 11, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

PEER REVIEW EXAMINED IN NIH SEMINAR

Peer Review was the subject of a 2½ day seminar held Feb. 25-27 by the NIH Executive Committee on Extramural Affairs. The objectives of the seminar were to identify and evaluate the objectives of the peer review concept; to document the strengths and weaknesses of the NIH peer review system and to discuss possible modifications and alternatives.

Participants in the discussions included Drs. Simmons and Bernstein of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, the top staff of NIH and the heads of the extramural staff, of each constituent Institute and Division.

A final Report with Recommendations is in preparation.
(Dr. Thomas Malone, 14-61096)

NIH SCIENTIST ASSISTS WITH CANCER TELECAST

The last of five 90-minute television programs in "The Killers" series covering major lethal diseases in America will be telecast nationally over the 234 stations of the Public Broadcasting Service on Monday, March 11.

Entitled "Cancer" the program may be seen locally on Channel 26 at 8:00 P.M.

Dr. Vincent Devita, Chief Medicine Branch National Cancer Institute served with non-federal experts on a special Medical Advisors Board for production of the program.

The series was made possible by a \$675,000 grant from Bristol-Meyers Company. (Mr. Frank Karel, 14-66631)

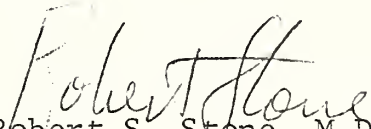
HYPERTENSION THE SUBJECT OF NETWORK TELEVISION
PROGRAM AIMED AT PHYSICIANS

A one-hour television news special on hypertension designed for viewing by practicing physicians will be presented nationally 7-8 A.M. local time, March 20.

The program was produced by Merck Sharp and Dohme in cooperation with the National High Blood Pressure Education Program (NHBPEP). A group of experts including NHLI Director Cooper and NHBPEP Coordinator Stokes will discuss hypertension and its management.

This is the first time a network television presentation has been produced exclusively for the medical profession. Although well promoted within the profession, no announcement of the presentation will be made to the general public.

The Washington area station carrying the program will be WMAL Channel 7. (Mr. Hugh Lee, 14-62311)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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DATE: March 15, 1974

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

DR. LEVENTHAL TO TRANSFER TO FDA

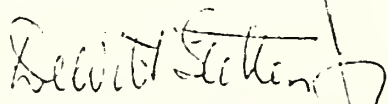
Dr. Carl M. Leventhal, Assistant to the Deputy Director for Science, NIH, who recently served as Acting Deputy Director for Science, NIH, will transfer to the Food and Drug Administration as Deputy Director, Bureau of Drugs. Dr. Leventhal, who joined NIH in 1964 as a neuropathologist, will assume his new duties at FDA about April 1. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

DR. DENNIS TO RECEIVE AWARD

Dr. Clarence Dennis, Special Assistant for Technology, National Heart & Lung Institute, has been named recipient of the first John Gibbon Award by the American Society of Extracorporeal Technology. Presentation will be at the Society's international conference in Dallas on July 26. Dr. Dennis, an internationally known surgeon, is a pioneer in the development and clinical application of devices and techniques for heart-lung bypass and cardio-pulmonary assistance. (Hugh Jackson, 14-64236)

NEW EXHIBIT TO OPEN AT NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

"Witchcraft and Medicine" is the theme of the latest National Library of Medicine exhibit to open March 25-July 19, 1974. Devices used in 17th century England to torture persons suspected of practicing witchcraft will be shown, as well as books and reproductions dealing with exorcism and witchcraft trials from the Library's extensive historical collection. The display covers the period 1484 when a papal edict was issued against witchcraft to 1793 when the last witch burning took place. (Robert Mehnert, 14-66308)


DeWitt Stetten, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: March 21, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

OMB ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR O'NEILL MEETS WITH NIH OFFICIALS


Paul H. O'Neill, OMB Associate Director for Human and Community Affairs, met with Director Stone for lunch and later they were joined by senior NIH officials for extended informal discussions Tuesday, March 19. Participants in the three-hour meeting, which was arranged at the suggestion of Mr. O'Neill, explored means for strengthening the rationale of biomedical research budget presentations in the light of OMB needs and the inherent nature of research activities. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

RUSSIAN DELEGATION TO MEET AGAIN ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

A five member Russian delegation is to arrive March 24 at the National Institute of Environmental Health Science in Research Triangle Park (Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina) for a week long series of meetings with their American counterparts. Fourteen months ago an agreement was signed by Soviet and American scientists in Research Triangle Park for joint participation in the study of health problems due to environmental pollution. This second meeting will examine results of cooperation and plan for future activities. The delegation headed by Deputy Minister of Health P. H. Burgasov will also visit a number of environmental health centers in the United States, including the NIEHS grant-supported Environmental Health Sciences Research Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. (Miss Elizabeth Y. James, 8-919-649-3345)

BACTERIA AND VIRUS BOOKLETS TRANSLATED
FOR SPANISH-READING YOUTH

For students in Spanish-speaking communities, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has translated two Institute booklets into Spanish: "Bacteria, the Littlest Cells" (Bacterias, Las Celulas Mas Pequenas) and "The Virus, On the Border of Life" (Los Virus, Al Borde De La Vida). The booklets were originally prepared in English to respond to requests from junior and high school students seeking information, as well as to interest young readers in science as a career. Copies have been forwarded to the Consumer Product Information Center for inclusion in the Spanish Language Consumer Index. (Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)


Robert S. Stone, M.D.

: Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: March 29, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISEASES
OF LIVER AND BILIARY TRACT HELD AT NIH

NIH's Fogarty International Center and the International Association for Study of the Liver sponsored a joint international conference on Diseases of the Liver and Biliary Tract on March 3-6 at NIH. The meeting, generated the first draft of a document which will become an authoritative summary on nomenclature, diagnostic criteria, and diagnostic methodology for liver and biliary tract diseases. A nomenclature committee is being formed to standardize nomenclature to be adopted by W.H.O. and included in the 9th revision of the International Classification of Diseases.
(Dr. Milo D. Leavitt, Jr., 14-61415)

FIVE YEAR GRANT AWARDED TO UCLA
FOR PEPTIC ULCER STUDIES

The National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases has awarded a five year grant to the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine to study peptic ulcer diseases. The grant, effective April 1, calls for \$890,000 the first year and \$800,000 for each of the succeeding four years. Through interdisciplinary studies on cells, tissues, animals, man, and populations it is expected that new insights will be gained into the causes and natural history of these diseases and to apply this knowledge to making improvements in diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment and prevention. A coordinated press announcement is expected to be made on or about April 8, 1974. (Dr. Joseph Kitzes, 14-67821)

NIH SCIENTISTS SCHEDULED FOR PHS
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS PROGRAM

NIH scientists will play prominent roles as speakers, moderators or panelists at the Ninth Annual Meeting of the U. S. Public Health Service Professional Associations to be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, April 8-11.

Dr. Theodore Cooper, Director, National Heart and Lung Institute, and Dr. R. W. Lamont-Havers, Deputy Director, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases head the list of the dozen NIH participants from NHLI, NIAMDD, the National Cancer Institute and the Clinical Center. Included are four young NIH investigators who will compete for the annual J. D. Lane Award, given for the best scientific paper presented by a junior PHS scientist at the meeting.
(Mr. William Lucca, 298-8680)

SCOUT MEDICAL EXPLORERS TO VISIT NIH

Approximately 225 members of the National Association of Medical Explorers will participate in workshops on research careers at NIH on April 3. The organization is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women and is supported by a grant from the American Medical Association. The Medical Explorers program is part of a four-day session of the National Explorer Presidents' Congress at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. (Mr. Harold Osborne, 14-65633)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 137
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H_____

DATE: April 4, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH TO PARTICIPATE AT FASEB ANNUAL ATLANTIC CITY SESSION

The Director NIH will speak to five of the constituent societies of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in Atlantic City during this coming weekend, April 6 and 7. NIH staff members will make presentations April 8 covering NIH research and training support programs during a meeting for the FASEB general membership. About 800 people attend this session which is partially devoted to questions and answers. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

CHAIRMAN OF SWISS SCIENCE COUNCIL TO VISIT NIH

On Wednesday, April 24, Dr. Hugo Aebi, Chairman of the Swiss Science Council is scheduled to meet with the Director NIH and to visit the laboratory of Nobel Laureate, Dr. Christian Anfinsen, where two Swiss scientists are working. Dr. Anfinsen is Chief, Laboratory of Chemical Biology, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases.

Prior to Dr. Aebi's visit to NIH, he will have met with a sizable number of his compatriots presently in North America at meetings in Boston, New York and Washington, D.C. Dr. Aebi is also Director of the Institute of Medical Chemistry at the University of Bern. (Alan Schechter, 14-62758)

MINORITY STUDENTS TO ATTEND NIH CO-SPONSORED SYMPOSIUM

The NIH Division of Research Resources through a minority biomedical support grant will jointly sponsor the Second Annual Xavier University Biomedical Research Symposium to be

held in New Orleans April 14-16. Over 500 minority students will attend. More than 150 papers will be given by faculty and students from 30 minority school recipients. The subjects range from studies in leukemia treatment by bone marrow therapy to lead levels in the teeth of a Chicano population. (James Augustine, 14-65545)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No.138
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: April 12, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR JUNE AWARD UNDER REVIEW

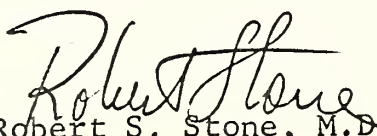
Some 3100 applications for NIH postdoctoral individual research fellowships received prior to the February 1 deadline are now under competitive review for June award. About 200 institutions submitted applications for institutional research fellowship programs. The individual and institutional fellowship programs will be funded at the level of \$27. million during the current fiscal year. A May 1 deadline has been announced for FY 1975 applications. (Dr. Harry Doukas, 14-67221)

US AND SOVIETS BEGIN CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY PROGRAM

A joint US-USSR program was inaugurated last month for epidemiologic research into the causes of malignant tumors and site studies of cancer, such as breast cancer. The program which provides for the exchange of scientists and information was agreed upon in a meeting of the US-USSR Joint Working Group on the Epidemiology of Cancer held in the USSR last January. Leaders of the Working Group are Dr. Marvin A. Schneiderman, NCI, and Professor N. N. Blokhin, Director, Institute of Experimental and Clinical Oncology, Moscow. (Dr. Marvin Schneiderman, 14-61611)

NIH DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SCIENCE TO RECEIVE AWARD

Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Deputy Director for Science, NIH, has been selected as the recipient of the 1974 Gold Medal for distinguished achievement in medicine by the Association of the Alumni, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. Presentation will be made at the Association's annual dinner dance on May 6 at the Hotel Pierre in New York City. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: April 19, 1974

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

DIABETES GROUP URGES INCREASED RESEARCH

A group headed by Mr. Carl Stenzler, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Committee on Diabetes and Blindness met Wednesday April 17 with NIH Director Stone and principals of four NIH institutes to urge an increase in diabetes-related research and centralization of the diabetes programs in the Office of the NIH Director. The group, accompanied by press, included the Presidents of the American Diabetes Association and the Retina Foundation, an official of the National Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and a staff member of the office of Senator Schweiker.

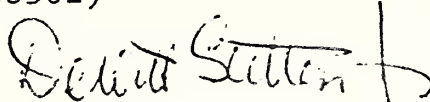
The NIH response was to explain the functions and objectives of the recently appointed Inter-Institute Diabetes Research Coordinating Committee, and to describe diabetes research being carried out in the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases and the National Eye Institute. A presentation was also made of activities in several institutes which though not labeled as diabetes research are significantly related to the problem. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIH OFFICIAL TO RECEIVE HEW "A" AWARD FOR SUPERVISORS

Dr. Thomas J. Kennedy, Jr., Associate Director for Program Planning and Evaluation, NIH, has been named to receive the HEW Second Annual "A" (Administration) Award for Supervisors who have shown outstanding performance on behalf of the Federal Women's Program. The FWP was mandated by Public Law 92-261 to ensure that women have the same employment opportunities as men. The award, designed to acknowledge efforts which supervisors have made in this direction is to be presented to Dr. Kennedy by the Secretary, HEW, on May 1. Selection was made from 84 nominations received covering all HEW agencies and regions. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NOBEL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO DELIVER NIH LECTURE

Dr. Sune Bergstrom, Professor of Biochemistry at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, will deliver the NIH Lecture in the Masur Auditorium on April 24 at 5:30 P.M. His subject will be "The Prostaglandins - Bioregulators with Clinical Implications." Dr. Bergstrom is Chairman of the Nobel Nominating Committee for Physiology and Medicine. (Dr. Philip S. Chen, 14-63562)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "DeWitt Stetten", followed by a vertical line and a flourish.

DeWitt Stetten, Jr., M.D., Ph.D.

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 140
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: April 26, 1974

Director, NIH

Weekly Activities Report

MAY DESIGNATED NATIONAL HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MONTH

The National High Blood Pressure Education Program, in cooperation with the American Heart Association, the American Medical Association, the National Medical Association, the Citizens for the Treatment of High Blood Pressure, Inc., as well as 50 other public or private groups, has designated May as the month to call special attention to high blood pressure which affects over 23 million Americans. The National Program is coordinated by the National Heart and Lung Institute. (Mr. Ernie Miner, 14-64236)

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE AWARDS SECOND LARGEST CONTRACT

The National Cancer Institute has awarded a 15-month \$6.6 million contract to Tracor-Jitco, Inc., Rockville, Maryland, to manage the NCI testing program to identify cancer-causing chemicals and physical agents in the environment. This is the second largest contract awarded by the Institute. It is also one of the first in which a large portion of a research program will be managed by a non-Federal institution. NCI's largest contract is with Litton Bionetics Corporation to operate and manage the Frederick Cancer Research Center at a second year cost of \$10.2 million. (Mr. Paul Van Nevel, 14-66631)

TWO NIH SCIENTISTS ELECTED TO NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The National Academy of Sciences has announced the election of Dr. DeWitt Stetten, Jr., Deputy Director for Science, NIH, and Dr. Daniel C. Gajdusek, Chief, Central Nervous System Studies Branch, National Institute of Neurological Diseases

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and Stroke, to membership in the NAS. The election of new members for "recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research" was held during the 111th Annual Meeting of the Academy. The Academy was established in 1863 by a Congressional Act of Incorporation signed by Abraham Lincoln. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NICHD ADMINISTRATOR COMPLETES YEAR AS PRESIDENT OF POPULATION ASSOCIATION

Mr. Arthur A. Campbell, Deputy Director of the Center for Population Research, NICHD, concluded his one-year term as President of the Population Association of America (PAA) with delivery of the key-note address at the annual meeting held in New York City, April 18-20. The Population Association is a professional, scientific organization concerned with promotion of research and dissemination of information on problems with respect to human population. About 1,000 scientists from several nations participated in the meeting. (Joel R. Hedetniemi, 14-63454)

NIH FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM SPONSORED FEMINIST MEETING SETS DAYTIME ATTENDANCE RECORD


Gloria Steinem, Editor, Ms. Magazine, and Jane Galvin-Lewis, Deputy Director of Women's Action Alliance, a national black feminist organization, spoke to an overflow crowd at the NIH Clinical Center Auditorium April 16. The meeting was sponsored by the NIH Federal Women's Program to emphasize "unity and cohesiveness among black and white women and other minorities." (Ms. Adele Nusbaum, 14-66301)

RINGLER NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR, NHLI

Dr. Robert L. Ringler, Deputy Director, NHLI, was named Acting Director of the Institute Monday April 22. The post of Director became vacant when its former incumbent, Dr. Theodore Cooper, became Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health. (Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIH STAFFER NAMED TO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENCY

Dr. Benjamin H. Alexander, Acting Chief, General Research Support Branch of the NIH Division of Research Resources, has been appointed president of Chicago State University. Chicago State is the major institution of higher education in the state of Illinois serving the needs of minority students. Dr. Alexander has been active in development of Biomedical Support Programs for Minority Institutions and other minority focused activities. The appointment is effective July 1. (James Augustine, 14-65545)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE Report No. 141
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: May 3, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH


SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

MINORITY ACCESS TO RESEARCH CAREERS FUNDING RESUMED BY NIH

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences has announced resumption of funding under the Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program. Notices were mailed to 130 institutions which have enrollments of predominantly ethnic minority students. Three types of awards were announced covering faculty fellowships, visiting scientist fellowships, and a limited number of institutional grants for research training leading to the Ph.D. in minority institutions. To date more than 150 requests for application forms have been received. May 17 is the review deadline. (Paul Deming, 14-65676)

FEDERAL INTERAGENCY CHEMICAL REPRESENTATIVES MEETING TO BE HELD AT NIH

The Federal Interagency Chemical Representatives, an informal interagency group, will meet at NIH May 7 in Building 31C, Conference Room 7 at 9:00 A.M., to exchange information about Federal support of research in chemistry by grants and contracts. The agenda includes a report of a system developed at NIH for computerized matching of mass spectrometry data. (Dr. John C. James, 14-67795)


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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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DATE: May 9, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH'S NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE TO CONDUCT SATELLITE EXPERIMENTS

The National Library of Medicine's Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications will coordinate a series of experiments using NASA's new ATS-F Satellite, the latest in a series of applications technology satellites scheduled for launching on May 30, 1974. The experiments covering a 12-month period are designed to improve the health care of Alaskans in remote villages and to test the feasibility of providing instruction to medical students in Alaska via satellite. The LHNBCB will coordinate the related efforts of HSA's Indian Health Service and HRA's Bureau of Health Resources Development. The National Institute of Education will simultaneously conduct education experiments via the satellite.

A press conference is scheduled for May 23 (10:00 A.M. at NASA headquarters) to brief reporters on the experiments to be conducted. (Mr. Albert Feiner, 14-64441)

SYMPOSIUM ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS

The effects of controls--both natural and man-made--on such biometeorological factors as temperature, humidity, and barometric pressure will be explored at a conference in Durham, North Carolina, May 14-15. Jointly sponsored by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Environmental Research Center of the Environmental Protection Agency, the conference is the second in a series to consider the health consequences of various environmental controls. The first symposium, held last month, dealt with the effects of mobile emission controls and identified some of the health problems associated with the use of the catalytic converters which will be installed in 1975 model cars. (Dr. David Rall, A.C. 919, 549-3201)

NIH SUPPORTED PSORIASIS DAYCARE CENTERS OPENED

Two psoriasis daycare centers supported by the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases have been opened at Stanford and the University of California, San Francisco. The centers, which offer intensive hospital-type care during the day for psoriasis treatment without patients having to remain overnight, will serve as models for low-cost, high-quality care for similar patients in other hospitals where outpatient facilities are available. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)

DR. ORLOFF TO REPLACE DR. FREDRICKSON AT NIH

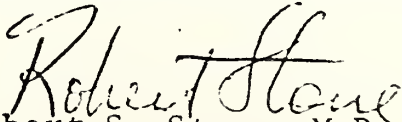
Dr. Jack Orloff has been appointed Director, Division of Intramural Research, National Heart and Lung Institute, effective July 1. He will replace Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson who, as previously announced, will become President of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Orloff is presently Chief, Laboratory of Kidney and Electrolyte Metabolism. He came to NHLI in 1950. (Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)

SWEDISH PHYSICIANS VISIT NIH

One hundred twenty-five Swedish physicians visited NIH on Friday May 3. The visit of this group, all general practitioners, was sponsored by Burroughs Wellcome Company and was arranged by the U.S. Embassy in Sweden through the DHEW OIH. The Swedish physicians were briefed on the NIH organization and mission, current status of cancer and heart research, and on the National Library of Medicine. (Mr. George Presson, 14-64625)

MOON CRATER NAMED FOR NIH SCIENTIST

A crater on the moon now bears the name of Dr. Frederick S. Brackett, a physicist at the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases. Dr. Brackett is among 43 noted scientists whose names were selected last year by the International Astronomical Union to label craters on the moon's near side. He is recognized internationally for his work in the field of spectroscopy. (Mr. Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)


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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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DATE: May 17, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

AMERICAN INDIAN WEEK AT NIH

American Indian Week was observed at NIH with a series of five noonday programs, (May 13-17), in the Clinical Center auditorium. The list of speakers included Mr. Emanuel C. Moran, Administrative Officer for Mental Health Program, Indian Health Service, and Mr. Robert L. Moore, Executive Director, American Indian Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.
(Mr. George S. Yee, 14-66301)

NIDR SCIENTIST WITH ACUPUNCTURE-ANESTHESIA DELEGATION IN CHINA

Dr. Ronald Dubner, Chief, Neurobiology and Anesthesiology Branch, NIDR, is representing NIH as a member of the Acupuncture-Anesthesia Delegation currently visiting China as guests of the Committee on Scholarly Communication of the Peoples' Republic of China. Dr. Dubner is expected to return at the end of May.
(Mrs. Tula S. Brocard, 14-64261)

NIH SCIENTIST RECEIVES OPHTHALMOLOGY AWARD

Dr. Jin Kinoshita, Chief of the Laboratory of Vision Research, National Eye Institute, received the Francis I. Proctor Award on April 28 from the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) at its annual meeting in Sarasota, Florida. The Proctor Award, a gold medal, is given each year at the ARVO meeting to a senior investigator in recognition of a major contribution to ophthalmology. Dr. Kinoshita, one of the few non-ophthalmologists to receive the award, was honored for his significant research in the biochemistry of cataract.
(Mr. Julian Morris, 14-65248)

NIH FOGARTY SCHOLAR ARRIVES

Dr. Elvin A. Kabat, Professor of Microbiology at Columbia University, has arrived at NIH as a Fogarty Scholar. He and Mrs. Kabat will reside at Stone House on the NIH reservation through April 1975. Dr. Kabat is a member of the Expert Advisory Committee on Immunology, WHO. During his stay at NIH he will conduct seminars, revise a textbook on "Structural Concepts in Immunology and Immunochemistry" and work with NIH researchers. (Mr. George Presson, 14-64625)


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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
Through: ES/H _____

DATE: May 24, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

TV SPECIAL TO COVER "CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS"
OF NATIONAL CANCER PROGRAM

An NBC-TV special on the National Cancer Program including its "controversial aspects within the scientific community" is scheduled for Sunday evening, May 26, at 10:00 (Channel 4 in Washington area). Interviews conducted by NBC personnel included Secretary Weinberger and the Director National Cancer Institute, Dr. Frank J. Rauscher, Jr. (Mr. William Gray, 14-66641)

NBC-TV FILMS HEART RESEARCH LABORATORY ACTIVITY AT NIH

An NBC-TV crew started last Tuesday to film interviews in laboratories of the National Heart and Lung Institute at NIH, for inclusion in a five-part series on heart research to begin July 1 on the TODAY morning TV show. Film sequences involve research being conducted on atherosclerosis and the Multi Risk Intervention Trial (MRIT). MRIT involves NIH supported research carried on at centers throughout the United States. The research is designed to determine whether modification of three known risk factors (hypertension, elevated blood lipids, and cigarette smoking) will prevent heart attacks. The TODAY show segments will be repeated during an evening special scheduled for showing July 21. (Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)

NIH BLOOD PLATELET DONOR DRIVE SET FOR
PLATELETPHERESIS CENTER

A ceremony to mark the kickoff of the official Washington Area Community Donor Recruitment Drive for the new NIH Plateletpheresis Center is scheduled for Thursday, May 30 at the NIH Clinical Center. Plateletpheresis, a relatively new technique for obtaining large quantities of blood platelets needed to extend the lives of patients with severe hemorrhagic diseases, was pioneered by NIH scientists. The drive is being coordinated by a citizen advisory committee headed by Mrs. Stewart Alsop, wife of the columnist whose recent book STAY OF EXECUTION referred to his experience as a patient at the Clinical Center. Mrs. Ethel Kennedy is scheduled to be present as a prospective donor. Media coverage is expected to include WMAL radio, WRC-TV, and the Washington Post. (Ms. Elsie Fahrenthold, 14-62563)

NATIONAL PHARMACY SYMPOSIUM ON HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE


A two-day National Pharmacy Symposium on High Blood Pressure was held in Memphis, Tennessee May 20-21. The range of potential roles that pharmacy can play in overcoming high blood pressure and the education and training implications of such roles were discussed. The symposium was sponsored jointly by the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the National High Blood Pressure Education Program of the National Heart and Lung Institute. Control Systems Research, Inc. provided symposium technical and logistical support for the NHBPEP. (Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)

NIH SCIENTIST IS RECIPIENT OF UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO AWARD

Dr. Wallace P. Rowe, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases this week received the 1974 Howard Taylor Ricketts Award of the University of Chicago. Dr. Rowe, Chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Viral Diseases is known for his research involving mammalian viruses. The Ricketts Award was established in memory of the University of Chicago scientist who demonstrated that Rocky Mountain spotted fever is transferred among men by ticks. (Mr. Robert Schreiber, 14-65717)

NIH SURGEON ELECTED PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL
SOCIETY'S NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTER

Dr. Clarence Dennis, Special Assistant for Technology, National Heart and Lung Institute has been elected president of the International Society of Surgery's North American Chapter. The election took place earlier this month at a meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The ISS was founded in 1902 primarily by surgeons from European countries. The North American Chapter was established in 1925. Dr. Dennis is a member of the Program Committee of the ISS. (Mr. Ernest Miner, 14-64236)


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
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DATE: June 3, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

CBS-TV TO TAPE THREE HALF HOUR PROGRAMS AT NIH


CBS-TV will tape three half hour programs at NIH with Dr. Emilie A. Black as narrator using audiovisuals provided by NIH supported grantee institutions. The three programs on "Trauma," "Burns" and "Anesthesiology" are part of a TV course entitled "Practical Health for the Layman" and are included in the CBS network series "Summer Semester." Telecast dates are July 3, 5 and 8. Dr. Black is Acting Deputy Director of the Clinical and Physiological Sciences Program, National Institute of General Medical Sciences.
(Mr. Paul Deming, 14-65676)

TWO CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTERS DEDICATED

The first NIH supported general clinical research center devoted solely to outpatients, was dedicated May 18 at Johns Hopkins University. Designed to accommodate 10,000 outpatient visits each year, it provides a unique center for research patient care, and teaching related to such chronic diseases as hypertension, arthritis, and diabetes. On June 3, a 13-bed inpatient clinical research center will be dedicated at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Among the medical problems being investigated by Dallas clinicians are the formation of chronic kidney stones, osteoporosis, hypertension, and kidney transplants. Currently 84 General Clinical Research Centers are being supported through the NIH Division of Research Resources.
(Mr. James Augustine, 14-65545)

APPLICATIONS FOR NIH GRANTS SET RECORD

Last week NIH's Division of Research Grants completed review of the largest number of applications in its history for any one deadline. With the reinstatement of the fellowship program, applications for individual fellowships and research career development awards were assigned to DRG study sections. Normally, study sections review 3,000 and 4,000 research grant applications in the course of each review cycle. During April and the first half of May, they reviewed 3,790 research grant applications and an additional 2,866 individual fellowship and RCDA applications. (Dr. Schiaffino, 14-67071)


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NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

: Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: June 7, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NIH DELEGATION TO ATTEND SOVIET HEALTH SESSION IN MOSCOW

Dr. Robert Stone, and six other NIH leaders will attend the Third Session of the US-USSR Joint Committee Meeting for Health Cooperation in Moscow, June 10-14. Other members of the NIH delegation are: Dr. Frank J. Rauscher, Jr., Dr. David Rall, Dr. Robert L. Ringler, Dr. Ronald Lamont-Havers, Dr. Ruth Hegyeli, and Dr. Joseph F. Saunders. They will join with other HEW representatives and their Soviet counterparts, to review progress, determine policy and make future plans for activities under cooperation agreements between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. (Mr. Storm Whaley, 14-64461)

NIH TO RECEIVE BOLIVIAN AWARD

The Bolivian Order of the Condor will be awarded to the National Institutes of Health by His Excellency Edmundo Valencia-Ibanez, Ambassador of Bolivia, at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 13 at Stone House on the NIH campus. The presentation on behalf of the Bolivian Government is made "in appreciation for the many significant efforts in the interest of Bolivia and the Bolivian people."
(Ms. Dorothy Horlander, 14-66166)

TWO NIH INSTITUTES DEVELOP NEW CLUES IN IMMUNOLOGY RESEARCH

A team of scientists from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Cancer Institute has developed new clues to one of the key mysteries of immunology -- the basis of antibody diversity. The investigators found that the ability of closely related strains of inbred mice to manufacture a particular type of antibody was

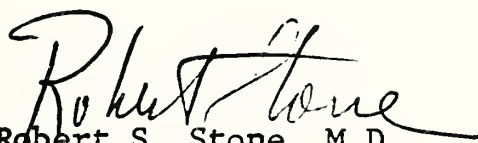
closely linked to the presence of certain genetic factors. The findings tend to support the so-called "germ line theory" which holds that mice and men (along with other vertebrates) pass from birth all the genetic instructions for antibody formation that they will ever have. The investigators are: Ms. Rose Lieberman (NIAID), Dr. Stuart Rudikoff (NIAID), Dr. Michael Potter (NCI) and Ms. Elizabeth B. Muskinski (NCI). (Mr. William Gray, 14-66641)

NIH'S RAPID NEW DIAGNOSTIC PREGNANCY TEST WILL AID RESEARCH

A new diagnostic test that permits the rapid identification of early pregnancies in macaques and baboons has been developed by Drs. Gary Hodgen and Griff Ross of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. The new test enhances the usefulness of those primates in the study of the physical defects in the developing embryo caused by infectious diseases or drugs which are potentially hazardous to man. Also, an early definitive test result is vital in the evaluation of most types of fertility control. (Dr. Mortimer B. Lipsett, 14-62136)

DR. TOWER APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL DISEASES AND STROKE

Dr. Donald B. Tower has been named Director of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. The appointment was effective May 31. Dr. Tower has been serving as Acting Director. He received his M.D. degree from Harvard in 1944 and his Ph. D. degree in neurochemistry from McGill University in 1951. Dr. Tower joined NIH in 1953 as Chief of the Section of Clinical Neurochemistry. (Mr. Robert N. Hinkel, 14-65751)


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TO : Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: JUN 13 1974

FROM : Acting Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE TO ESTABLISH
FOUR ADDITIONAL CANCER CENTER PROGRAMS

The National Cancer Institute announced Thursday, June 13 that four additional Comprehensive Cancer Programs are being established to conduct research and to bring results of research rapidly to a maximum number of people. Nine Centers were identified last year. A total of 15 such center programs was mandated by the National Cancer Act of 1971. The new Program Centers are: Yale University Medical School, Georgetown University - Howard University, The Illinois Cancer Council (includes twelve medical organizations), and the Colorado Regional Cancer Center composed of the University of Colorado, Colorado State University and Denver Children's Hospital. (Mr. Paul Van Nevel, 14-66631)

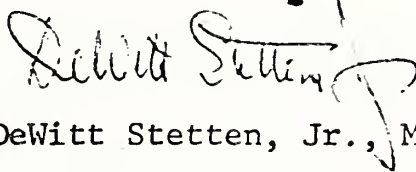
PUBLIC SERVICE HYPERTENSION ADVERTISEMENT WINS AWARD

A magazine advertisement sponsored by the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association as a part of the National High Blood Pressure Educational Program has received the top 1974 Award for Public Interest Advertising in the Saturday Review/World's Twentieth Advertising Award Competition. (Mr. Hugh Lee, 14-64236)

NIH SCIENTIST IS QUEENS COLLEGE
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Albert Z. Kapikian, Assistant Chief of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases and Head of the Epidemiology Section, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, received the Queens College Award as Distinguished Alumnus of the Year on May 30. Last year, Dr. Kapikian and a team of NIAID researchers successfully photographed, for the first time,

the virus that causes infectious hepatitis -- hepatitis A. The immune electron microscopy technique which they employed has been previously used by him to identify the virus which causes some community-wide outbreaks of "Intestinal flu." (Mr. Robert L. Schreiber, 14-65717)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "DeWitt Stetten, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish at the end of the name.

DeWitt Stetten, Jr., M.D.

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DATE: June 21, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING TO BE ESTABLISHED

NIH is preparing an implementation plan to carry out the "Research on Aging Act of 1974" which was signed by the President May 31. The Act provides for the establishment of a National Institute on Aging for the "Conduct and support of biomedical, social and behavioral research and training related to the aging process, the diseases and other general needs of the aged." Currently the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Gerontology Research Center, located in Baltimore, is conducting research to obtain fundamental knowledge of the aging process. (Joel R. Hedetniemi, 14-63454)

DIRECTORS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS

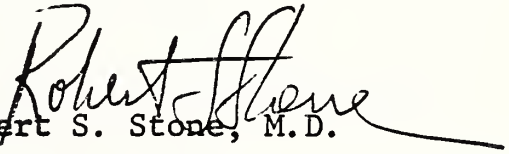
The NIH Directors Advisory Committee met June 17-18 in Pasadena, California. Guest participants included Paul H. O'Neill, Associate Director for Human and Community Affairs, OMB, Dr. Ivan Bennett, Vice President for Health Affairs, New York University, and members of the National Advisory Councils of four Institutes. The principal topics discussed included Governmental service policy, program balance, and the relationships of profit-making firms to Federal biomedical research. (Dr. Charles McCarthy, 14-63471)

CONFERENCE ON HEALTH IMPLICATIONS OF PLASTICS MANUFACTURE

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will hold a conference on "The Public Health Implications of Components of Plastics Manufacture" at the Carolina Inn, Pinehurst, North Carolina, July 29-31. About 100 persons are expected to attend representing government, industry, the academic community and press. (Ms. Elizabeth James, (919) 549-8411, Ext. 3345)

NIH TEAM HEAD REPORTS MARS TRIP WOULD
AFFECT ASTRONAUTS BONES AND MUSCLES

A manned round trip to Mars, which could take 1½ to 3 years, would have serious affects on bone and muscle unless protective measures can be developed. This was the conclusion of a team of investigators headed by Dr. G. Donald Whedon, Director of the National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases, following exhaustive mineral and nitrogen balance studies of the Skylab astronauts. However, it was predicted from Skylab data that space flights of only 6 to 9 months could be considered "safe" for an astronaut's musculoskeletal system. The biomedical research team was composed of members from NIAMDD, the Veterans Administration Hospital, Sepulveda, California, and the NASA-Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas. (Victor Wartofsky, 14-63583)


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: Assistant Secretary for Health
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DATE: June 28, 1974

FROM : Director, NIH

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

FIRST NATIONAL SICKLE CELL SYMPOSIUM

Some 700 physicians and researchers were expected to attend the First National Symposium on Sickle Cell Disease held June 27-29 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

More than 120 scientific presentations were scheduled during the course of a three-day meeting on sickle cell and related diseases and their molecular, cellular and clinical implications. The reports were prepared by investigators and clinicians from 60 major American medical centers, universities and hospitals as well as from England, Israel, Italy and Ghana.

The Symposium was by far the largest ever held on the subject of sickle cell disease. Dr. John I. Hercules of the Sickle Cell Disease Branch, NHLI, was symposium chairman. Participants in opening the meeting were Secretary Weinberger, NIH Director Stone, NHLI Acting Director Ringler and National Sickle Cell Program Coordinator Jackson. (William Sanders, 14-65343)

SMITHSONIAN TO INCLUDE PHS ACTIVITIES IN NEW EXHIBIT

Arrangements are nearing completion for the inclusion of two PHS segments in a major new Smithsonian Bicentennial exhibit. The displays will include material on the development of a rubella (German measles) vaccine and on the extension of medical consultation to remote villages in Alaska through radio communication by satellite.

The NIH has carried out the PHS-assigned responsibility of collecting materials to illustrate the steps from conception to widespread use of rubella vaccine which is credited with

forestalling an expected rubella epidemic in the early 1970's. Cooperating agencies include Food and Drug Administration, and the Center for Disease Control as well as the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The medical communications display will include materials and information provided by the National Library of Medicine's Lister Hill Biomedical Communications Center and the Indian Health Service. (Bowen Hosford, 14-65895)


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